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▶ Stampeders quarterback Henry Burris holds his award for CFL Most Outstanding Player in Edmonton on Thursday. Full story, page 31.

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Burris CFL's most outstanding

Playing soccer in a hockey town

Local indoor players forced to make do with less {page 4}

I think I've seen this one before

Deja vu at the movies, plus showtimes and more {pages 21-25}

AHS board members jump ship

▶ Three members resign in outrage over ex-CEO Duckett's ouster ▶ Health Minister said Duckett no longer had the credibility to lead AHS

Alberta Health Services board have resigned in the wake of the dismissal of CEO Stephen Duckett.

Tony Franceschini, Gord Bontje and Linda Hohol have all stepped down from the board to protest Duckett's removal from the job.

"We need to judge his performance, not his behaviour with the cookie," said Bontje.

"I believe in the principle of board independence," said Franceschini. "This principle has been compromised so I have chosen to resign."

Bontje agreed, saying Health Minister Gene Zwozdesky should not have weighed in on the decision to get rid of Duckett.

"He can state his opinion, but I don't think he had any business whatsoever contacting the board. Totally inappropriate."

He said Duckett was heading in the right direction and he wasn't given enough time to do his job.

Hohol, a member of the board from Calgary, said Duckett's departure is "the unfortunate consequence of an environment which will limit any CEO or board's chances for success."

Dr. Chris Eagle has been appointed to take over from Duckett until a permanent replacement can be found.

Zwozdesky said he will not be involved in finding that replacement.

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DJ KELLY SAYS PROVINCE MISSED THE POINT, PAGE 6

Blessing in disguise?

Health Minister Gene Zwozdesky says the departure of Stephen Duckett as CEO of Alberta Health Services is a good chance to restructure the system to create a stronger role for regional health councils.

▶ "There's an appetite for more local input and I've asked Alberta Health Services to take a look at how they can strengthen them," Zwozdesky said Thursday.

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Zoo. Christmas

▶ Calgary Zoo crew member John Arsenault strings up some lights in preparation for the annual Zoolights celebration.

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Lighting up the zoo

Crews were busy stringing up the last of the lights for the annual Calgary Zoo Zoolights event, which starts today and goes to Jan. 2.

Man robbed, attacked after climbing into 'taxi'

Victim claims he was repeatedly told 'We're going to kill you' by assailants ● He suffered a broken nose, black eye and several scrapes ● Police don't believe victim was targeted

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Police are on the hunt after a Calgary resident searching for a taxi says he was abducted, beaten, robbed and threatened last weekend.

The incident occurred in the early morning hours Nov. 20. Kyle, who requested his last name not be used, thought he had found a taxi van at 17th Avenue and 4th Street SW to take him home after a night of drinking with friends.

"When I got in I was grabbed from behind," the 28-year-old recalled.

"They threw me down and started beating me. I knew I was in trouble."

Kyle said he was driven around for about 90 minutes as the captors repeatedly struck him, held a knife to his throat, withdrew money from his bank account and even made off with his shoes before dumping him in an alley.

Police Staff Sgt. Joel Matthews said their investigation has yielded nothing to indicate the van was posing as a cab; however, he reminded Calgarians that all licensed taxis are well-marked and drivers will be carrying photo ID.

Calgary police Chief Rick Hanson issued a warning for partygoers during the upcoming holiday season.

"If (friends) have overconsumed and need to get home, make sure you do more than just throw them in a cab or give them a bus ticket," he said. "Obviously these are serious predators and we're going to be on the hunt for them now."

Kyle left with a broken nose and badly bruised cheekbone, said he is struggling to cope with the ordeal.

"I am out-of-nowhere emotional sometimes," he said.

"That's bugging me, I'm so upset."

$2,000

The victim says thieves acquired $2,000 using his bank card. Police are currently analyzing photos from an ATM machine and are canvassing the neighbourhood for clues.

Staff won't be cut, says police chief

Calgary's police chief said he doesn't foresee any effect on staffing levels despite shaving $2 million of his requested budget for 2011.

Rick Hanson, who was speaking at a luncheon, said the cuts came in areas such as decreasing fuel costs, reserves and training.

"It's going to create a bit of a deficit with training," he said. "We have to figure out how we're going to address it in another way."

City budget deliberations are slated to begin Monday. ● JEREMY NOLAIS

Motor over to noise meeting

City bylaw officials will field residents' questions at a third open house on vehicle noise Tuesday.

The event will run from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Trinwood Community Association, 2244 Chicoutimi Dr. NW. ● METRO

Suspect sought in 7-Eleven robbery

Police are looking for a man who attempted to rob a southeast convenience store earlier this month.

On Nov. 6, the suspect walked into a 7-Eleven store located at 3725—30 Ave. SE and asked the clerk for a package of cigarettes.

When the clerk told him the amount owing, the suspect showed the clerk a knife. The clerk pressed a panic button and the suspect fled the store.

The suspect is described as being between 30 to 35 years old with a moustache and black hair. ● METRO

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Snow's a pain for bikes, too

Like most commuters, cyclists are struggling through the snow as well, according to Sean Carter, owner of Bike Bike cycling shop.

"People like myself are still riding everyday," he said.

Carter said he hopes that as a second priority for snow removal, the city address bike routes soon.

"If they don't clear those, then it forces cyclists to go out on the busy roads."

Over the last week, Carter said he and some fellow bikers have noticed drivers have been a more aggressive than in past winters.

Carter said cyclists should ensure they are visible to drivers, and motorists should give bikers space on the roads.

KATIE TURNER

It must be his animal instinct

JEREMY NOLAIS/FOR METRO

▶ Dr. Jake Veasey

It seems the Calgary Zoo's new director of animal care has jumped into his role with both feet.

Dr. Jake Veasey, along with several other staff, rescued a cyclist who had plunged into waist-high water on a pathway that had been flooded by the Bow River Wednesday.

Veasey and his team had been in the northeast area of the park assessing the rising waters caused by an ice jam on the river when they heard screams.

He and two veterinarians waded into the waist-high water and helped the woman ashore.

"I honestly didn't really think twice about it," said Veasey, who transferred to the zoo from England earlier this month.

"I had been outside for three or four hours. It was really cold ... I was probably a bit hypothermic."

Both the cyclist and another rider were treated by Calgary EMS and released.

The Calgary Fire Department is warning the public to exercise caution when travelling in the area.

JEREMY NOLAIS

Short end of the stick for soccer?

KATIE TURNER/FOR METRO

▶ Indoor soccer fields are sparse in Calgary, with seven fields at the Subway Soccer Centre and four at the Calgary West Centre.

▶ CMSA has around 12,000 indoor soccer players, 11 fields ▶ About 13,000 hockey players and more than 50 arenas, says Hockey Calgary

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With three of 11 indoor soccer fields out of commission, soccer parents and officials said the lack of fields in the city is even more glaring.

As a coach for his son's under-14 Blizzards soccer team, Tim White said the lack of space in Calgary hinders the young athletes from improving.

"Everybody is looking to get some field time but what we find is for practices, we're in gyms, unlike hockey where the practice time is on the ice," he said. "That doesn't lend to skill development for the kids."

Daryl Leinweber, executive director for the Calgary Minor Soccer Association, said this has been a long-standing issue.

"Soccer centres are not subsidized by the City of Calgary," said Leinweber. "We've had to survive based upon our own resources."

He said that while the city is making strides in helping to build more artificial turf fields outdoors, there is a long way to go.

"Some of the reasons that we have what we have is due to the limitations that the city has placed on us for construction," he said, adding the Calgary West Soccer Centre is in an inflatable dome on land leased to them by the city.

As the superintendent of sports development with the city, Ray Pelltier said he believes soccer is becoming more of a priority, but Canada's hockey culture has put the sport on the backburner.

"Indoor soccer is a great activity, but from the perspective of Canada and hockey and what goes with it, it's just something that people support a lot more," said Pelltier.

Footie facts

- The Calgary Minor Soccer Association (CMSA) estimated about 110,000 Calgarians play soccer.
- Daryl Leinweber estimates there are between 3,000 and 5,000 youth who play in house leagues around the city in school gyms.
- The Blizzards Soccer Club has about 70 teams and roughly 900 youth players.

Soccer 'on its way': Alderman

Ald. Shane Keating, a proponent of expanding recreation facilities in the city, said soccer needs to be seen as a priority.

"Soccer of course is an emerging sport, therefore we have to make sure that it gets the same level as hockey," he said. "I think it's on its way now."

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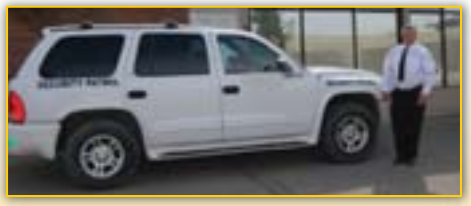

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WARD 11

Alderman turns to residents for budget cut ideas

Ald. Brian Pincott is looking for feedback from his Ward 11 constituents regarding possible budget cuts. Pincott said he emailed about 3,500 constituents to give them an update before Monday's council meeting and asked for their thoughts.

"My goal was to give people an update of where we're at and what we're looking at and try to focus them into a few areas, just to have a look at about what their specific thoughts are," he said.

Those living in Ward 11 can email Pincott, at ward11@calgary.ca, with suggestions.

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Art show and sale this Sunday

Residents of the Calgary Drop-In Centre will be putting their work on display at the centre's fifth annual art show and sale this Sunday. It runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Wild Rose United Church, located at 1317–1st St. NW. METRO

For more news, visit metronews.ca/calgary

Sherman courted by Liberals?

Recently suspended Tory MLA Raj Sherman says he's flirting with other political parties after being kicked out of the PC caucus. Sherman made the comment standing beside Liberal Opposition Leader David Swann, whom he praised as another doctor who was punished for speaking out against government policy.

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PROVINCE MISSES THE POINT AND SHOOTS THE MESSENGER

Opinion

DJ KELLY

THE SCRUTINEER, WITH ANALYSIS OF CIVIC ISSUES IN THE CITY OF CALGARY

So let me get this straight: Not caring enough about the patients' comfort and potentially endangering lives via long emergency-room wait times is something the Alberta government can let slide.

But enjoying a cookie on a YouTube video and sending a criticism-filled email are offences that will get you fired? Fired quicker than ... than ... well, certainly quicker than an ER wait.

We all know our healthcare system needs improvement, but I can't help but worry about it when I see such priorities so clearly backwards.

Let's start with Stephen Duckett's "resignation" as CEO of Alberta Health Services. How will Duckett's departure help improve ER wait times? I'm guessing if we took a time from last week and compare it to the length of a wait next week, the numbers will pretty much be the same.

So what does letting him go accomplish?

It reminds me of the Alberta government's master plan to improve the image of the oilsands. Instead of investing in helping oil companies' improve their technology to better protect the environment or creating incentives for these companies to tackle this task faster, the government chose to spend $25 million on a public-relations campaign, which included billboards in New York's Times Square.

We're two years on since the announcement of this program and we're still waiting for the never-to-come benefits of it.

If you have a run-down house, you don't just slap a new coat of paint on it and expect the water taps to suddenly work again.

This fundamental misunderstanding of the problem can be seen in Duckett's departure, too. Instead of fighting a PR battle by parting ways with the CEO, why not just improve ER wait times? If the government were to do this, I guarantee no one would be remixing Duckett's cookie comments for Internet giggles anymore.

The same holds true for MLA Raj Sherman's getting the boot from the PC caucus. Certainly the premier now has one less contrarian voice in the room, but how is this a good thing? In no way does Sherman's ouster address a single one of his criticisms about the government's handling of the ER-wait-time issue. Not to mention, why would you want fewer dissenting voices around you? Disagreement breeds innovation. The only thing surrounding yourself with yes-men has ever bred is delusion.

With Duckett gone, AHS and the government will spend their time training the new guy or finding a replacement or plotting how to navigate their newly created political minefield.

In short, everything but addressing ER wait times.

Ask Duckett or Sherman and they will tell you shortening ER wait times won't be an easy task, but at least they were trying, which is more than we can say for most anyone else at this point.

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BILL 29

Province pulls parks legislation

The Alberta government is withdrawing a controversial bill on parks to gain more time to consult with the public.

"We do need a little bit more conversation," Parks Minister Cindy Ady said Thursday.

Even though Bill 29 was the result of three year's worth of consultations, response from the public and environmental groups convinced Ady to pull the proposed legislation and try again in the spring, she said.

Bill 29 proposed to shrink the number of ways parks could be classified. The designations of wildland provincial parks, provincial recreation areas, wilderness areas, ecological reserves and natural areas were all to be eliminated.

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Collision threatens life

The driver of the van was rushed to hospital with life-threatening injuries yesterday afternoon following a crash between a dump truck and minivan on 17th Avenue and Hubalta Road SE.

The crash reduced traffic in both directions to one lane for several hours.

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Loose horses cause crash

Okotoks RCMP say a crash yesterday was caused by two horses loose on the road.

A driver travelling westbound on Highway 549 attempted to avoid the animals and ran into a vehicle heading east. The eastbound driver was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

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Calling all trigger happy photographers

KATIE TURNER/FOR METRO

▶ Ming Ko was one of the participants in last year's Urban Exposure Project.

Participants already being sought for 3rd annual Urban Exposure Project

Calgarians with an interest in photography and social issues are being sought to participate in the 2011 Urban Exposure Project.

Rhiannon MacDonnell, co-chair of BeCause said the United Way initiative provides Calgarians with an insight into a world they might not otherwise see.

"It's not about taking pretty pictures, really it's about learning about, thinking about and identifying ways to communicate through imagery what they learned," she said.

As a participant in last year's project, Ming Ko said the project changed her perspective on the community around her.

"It's a very free project because it's basically reporting back what you learned personally about the community; what you see through your own lens," she said.

Ko works in the non-profit sector and said before doing the project she thought she had a good understanding of social issues.

"When I really started to see the people and the things that were happening around me, I realized that's not really the case. It was very eye-opening for me."

KATIE TURNER

Show your stuff

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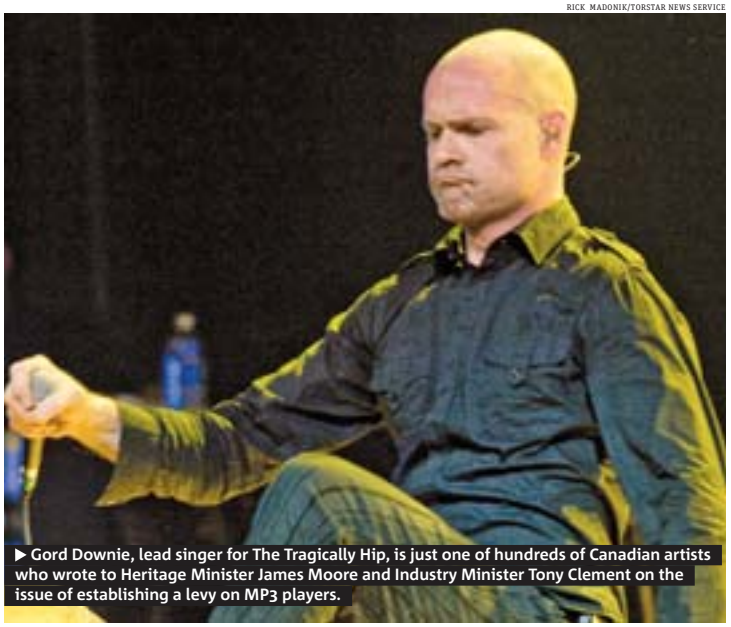

▶ Gord Downie, lead singer for The Tragically Hip, is just one of hundreds of Canadian artists who wrote to Heritage Minister James Moore and Industry Minister Tony Clement on the issue of establishing a levy on MP3 players.

Moore unsure of MP3 levy

Heritage Minister James Moore is not opposed to discussing a levy on MP3 players, but says no group has ever come forward with a detailed proposal on how it would work.

Moore has been lobbied over the last week by Canada's biggest names in television, film and music to apply a levy to MP3 players in the same way it's currently applied to blank CDs and cassettes.

The levy, charged as compensation for material that is privately copied, is doled out by a collective in the form of royalties.

On Thursday, an A-to-Z of Canadian music stars wrote to Moore and Industry Minister Tony Clement pressing the issue.

Their letter came the day the ministers testified before a House of Commons committee on Bill C-32, proposing changes to the Copyright Act.

"MP3 players are this generation's version of blank media. A copy is a copy and the principle of fair compensation for rights holders should apply whether the copy is made onto blank media or MP3 players," the artists wrote.

"We know that you do not want to see a Canada that is devoid of musicians and songwriters, but without fair and balanced treatment, that may be the tragic consequence."

But Moore says the issue of a levy is not even dealt with in Bill C-32.

A separate private member's bill put forward by the NDP refers to a levy on an "audio recording device," which could apply to products including phones and laptops.

Such broad definitions don't sit well with Moore, who calls it a "scattered approach" that would slap a massive tax on consumers.

"We started our consultation on copyright a year and half ago. They have yet to come forward with actual language for legislation and a proposal. They've never done that," Moore told The Canadian Press.

"They're making noise. But frankly they're not making sense..."

Moore says the government in the past has suggested the Commons heritage committee take an in-depth look at the levy system, and they're still welcome to do that.

He underlines that placing a levy on copied music is complicated. Canadians aren't just buying MP3s these days, but are also streaming music onto their phones and players. Whether a levy would also apply to videos is another thorny issue.

"I don't know how a tax on these things would be legally implemented and would work," said Moore.

Bill C-32 makes it legal for Canadians to copy music for personal use, although it has been criticized.

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Levy Letter

Here are some of the artists who supported the letter sent to Heritage Minister James Moore, which was co-ordinated by the Canadian Private Copying Collective.

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- Nickleback's Chad Kroeger
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WikiLeaks to reveal further secret U.S. files

- Ottawa not privy to contents of leaked documents
- Canadian-U.S. tensions over Omar Khadr could intensify

The U.S. government has notified Ottawa that the WikiLeaks website is preparing to release sensitive U.S. diplomatic files that could damage American relations with allies around the world.

U.S. officials say the documents may contain accounts of compromising conversations with political dissidents as well as friendly politicians.

A State Department spokesman said Wednesday the release of confidential communications about foreign governments probably will erode trust in the United States as a diplomatic partner

"These revelations are harmful to the United States and our interests," state department spokesman P.J. Crowley said. One concern, for example, is that the documents may reveal the kinds of pressure the U.S. administration has put on various countries to accept the transfer of Guantanamo Bay detainees who have been cleared for release.

Canada has long resisted repatriating Toronto-born Omar Khadr, the only western detainee remaining at Guantanamo Bay, despite pressure from both American and Canada's federal courts.

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Great reformers?

WikiLeaks bills itself as a website devoted to reforming governments worldwide by exposing their secrets.

- U.S. diplomatic outposts around the world have begun notifying other governments that WikiLeaks may release these documents in the next few days.
- Many of the cables are believed to date from the start of U.S. President Barack Obama's administration.

Space. Exploration

▶ U.S astronaut Cady Coleman, left, Russian cosmonaut Dmitry Kondratiev, centre, and Italian astronaut Paolo Nespoli.

MISHA JAPARIDZE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Global space team

Members of the expedition to the International Space Station held their preflight practical examination yesterday at the Russian Space Training Center.

Stripper photos provoke debate

There will be no more free shows on the roof of a Toronto strip club after pictures of the scantily clad dancers surfaced online.

Dancers at the Zanzibar Tavern regularly took breaks on the club's roof while still in their work outfits.

A Ryerson University librarian, Brian Cameron, took photos of the women from his office and published them Wednesday on Torontoist. Most of the photos were taken down from the site yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ethics

Zanzibar owner Allen Cooper says the dancers feel their privacy has been violated.

- The images of the scantily clad dancers have sparked heated debate online and in the media over privacy.

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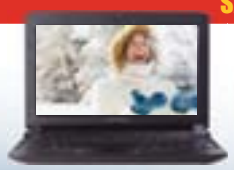

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‘Miracle’ rescue saves boys lost at sea 50 days

They caught fish and a seagull to survive As hope faded, the teens were eulogized in a memorial service

They were given up for dead — and even eulogized in a memorial service.

But now three teens missing in the South Pacific for 50 days have been found alive by a New Zealand fishing boat.

The boys — two 15-year-olds and a 14-year-old — disappeared while attempting to row between two islands in the New Zealand territory of Tokelau in early October.

All hope was lost after an extensive search involving New Zealand’s air force.

Their craft had drifted 1,300 kilometres to a desolate part of the Pacific northeast of Fiji, when the crew of a tuna boat saw them frantically waving for help on Wednesday afternoon.

Adrift 1,300 km

- The three teens were dehydrated, sunburned and very thin, rescuers said.
- They survived by catching fish and eating a seagull that landed on their boat.
- They come from the atoll of Atafu, one of three that make up the Tokelau island group, home to 1,500 people.

“All they could say was ‘thank you very much for stopping,’” said Tai Fredricsen, first mate of the San Nikuna.

“In a physical sense, they look very physically depleted, but mentally ... very high.”

The boys, Samuel Pelesa and Filo Filo, both 15, and Edward Nasau, 14, were to be taken to hospital in Suva, Fiji’s capital, on Friday.

The rescue came not a moment too soon: Fredricsen said they had begun to drink sea water because it hadn’t rained in the past few nights.

“It’s a miracle, it’s a miracle,” said Tanu Filo, the father of one of the boys.

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Rio. Gangs on the run

A woman grabs an opportunity for a quick nap amid the giant police dragnet in Rio de Janeiro on Thursday.

SILVIA IZQUIERDO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

But will thugs be caught napping?

Elite police units in navy tanks rumbled through a heavily fortified Rio de Janeiro slum Thursday in a bid to catch drug gang leaders they blame for five days of violence. Meanwhile, scores of armed youths fled the shantytown for a nearby gang stronghold. At least 23 people have died since Monday.

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Making a run for it

B.C. education minister resigns to seek Liberal leadership

Former education minister George Abbott believes he's the best one to steer the B.C. Liberal government back toward public approval and he's aiming part of his campaign on a speedier resolution to the HST debate.

The four-term politician resigned his seat as education minister Thursday to become the second candidate in the race for Liberal leader and B.C. premier.

Abbott said he'll immediately move up the date of a referendum over the much maligned harmonized sales tax so the issue can be dealt with once and for all.

Instead of September 2011, the vote would be held no later than June 24, he said.

"If the HST is rejected by a simple majority, you'll see a new budget in the fall, laying out the plan to extinguish the HST," Abbott told supporters.

As leader, he said he would also review increasing the minimum wage, introduce new home renovation and health and wellness tax credits and continue to fund special policing teams targeting organized crime.

The married father of three joins former economic development minister Moira Stilwell in vying for the top political job in the province.

Premier Gordon Campbell announced earlier this month that he will step down over his party's disastrous unveiling of HST. A new leader is scheduled to be chosen at a Feb. 26 convention.

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Ukraine. Protest

▶ Protesters in Kiev oppose a draft tax law

SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tax protests continue

Thousands of demonstrators took to the streets of Kiev, Ukraine on Thursday for the fourth day of protests against tax law changes. The protests are the biggest since 2004's Orange Revoltion.

Crime on the rise

There is a spike of gang-related crime in the Coachella Valley, a crescent of desert about two hours southeast of Los Angeles. Authorities have counted 19 homicides this year in the 45-mile-long valley and a string of eight murders in Indio and Cathedral City in the past few months.

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Nearly free trips: Goof-up or gift?

- Web surfers in disbelief over Expedia.ca flight deal
- Cases of flyers being paid to travel reported

Thanks to the online travel company Expedia.ca, Colin Campbell will be doing his last-minute shopping in New York City this year and flying back into Toronto just in time for Christmas Eve.

It wasn't his plan all along, but when Expedia.ca offered him a return flight and a few days in a hotel for just $40 — all taxes included — how could he possibly refuse?

Expedia won't say whether the seemingly too-good-to-be-true offer that Campbell and other web surfers took advantage of last weekend — which in some cases actually paid travellers to fly — was the result of a pricing error.

The promotion offered a $300 discount off a flight and hotel package to Cancun, Las Vegas, New York or Riviera Maya.

Flying frenzy

- On the Canadian website Redflagdeals.com a discussion about the deal has generated about 1,000 posts and has been viewed more than 90,000 times.
- The deal made an even bigger splash at Flyertalk.com, a forum dedicated to frequent flyers, where it spawned about 3,000 posts with more than 261,000 views.

It didn't take long for Canadian web surfers to find packages for just over $300, making the trip almost free after the discount.

"I wasn't sure if it was a mistake or not but I did get an email from Expedia saying everything was booked. But I still wasn't sure," Campbell said.

"So I actually gave them a call and confirmed with a manager that it was in fact correct and it wouldn't be cancelled."

While there was a limit of only one $300 discount per booking, there was no limit on how many separate discounted bookings could be made per person.

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Anti-inflation. Beijing

▶ People eat noodles outside a wholesale clothing market in Beijing Thursday.

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Use your noodle

China's government is widening its anti-inflation campaign, ordering a crackdown on speculators it accuses of illegally pushing up commodity prices. The order comes as Beijing enforces measures announced last week to cool food prices that soared more than 10 per cent in October.

Credit firms: Hands off

The heads of Canada's largest credit card companies are cautioning against government meddling in their business.

The presidents of Visa and MasterCard told a Senate committee that the recently enacted voluntary code of conduct on the industry is working just fine.

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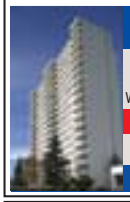

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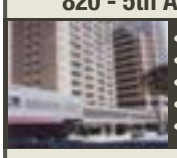

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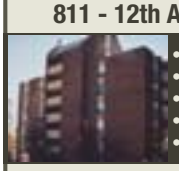

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▶ Tara Nelson, coming home.

5 MINUTES WITH: TARA NELSON

As of Nov. 29, Tara Nelson will be taking over as the new lead anchor for CTV Calgary. Nelson recently came from London where she was stationed as the European Bureau Chief for Global National.

What's it been like being home again?
It's fabulous. It's great to be back in Alberta; my husband and I are both from Alberta. We were a little wigged-out by the –30 C weather, we're starting to adjust. We didn't bring all of our winter clothes with us, because of course when we left it was lovely in London and it was lovely here, so we've spent a little bit of time hitting the malls. We need mitts and we need boots! We need everything because we've been gone so long.

What made you want to make the move back to home soil?
For me it was coming home, as I say I'm from Alberta, I grew up in Sherwood Park ... Alberta is still very much home for me.

How are you enjoying being at CTV so far?
It's great, right now we've spent the last couple of weeks working behind the scenes, just sort of tweaking the show a little bit and doing a lot of promotion that will start running and then my first day on-air is Monday so I'm really excited. It's been great to kind of meet everybody in the newsroom; everyone is so friendly. You forget how warm Albertans are, it's just such a treat when you move from a big, big city where in London, everyone is hustling and bustling and doesn't have a lot of time for chit-chat ... To come back home it's like, ah, Alberta.

The CTV news desk has a long history with Darrel Janz and Barb Higgins, what are your thoughts on stepping into that position?
I know I have really big shoes to fill. They were an iconic anchor team in this city and they gave CTV Calgary the presence that it has. There's an amazing group of reporters and so many senior reporters, which is great. It's a very experienced newsroom ... I just hope that I fill these enormous shoes that these two have left for me and just maybe bring a new look and a new energy and a new feel and a new sound to the newscast.

KATIE TURNER

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Chocolate food fight

Worth mentioning

BELGIUM. There is no such thing as "pure chocolate," the EU high court has ruled, ending an EU-Italy food fight over chocolate labels. The ruling by the Court of Justice of the European Union voided an Italian law that recognizes some delicacies as "pure chocolate."

The court said if a product is made from 100 per cent cocoa butter, that fact must be listed on the ingredients table only. It also said the EU's 1999 chocolate labelling rules make no room for a "pure chocolate" reference like the one Italy enacted.

Once vegetable fats are included in the production of chocolate — a popular practice in some EU nations, notably Britain — then the label must say, "contains vegetable fats in addition to cocoa butter," the court said.

The EU labelling rules took effect in 1999 after a lively debate pitting countries like Britain — where chocolate usually contains vegetable fat substitutes — against purists like Belgium, Italy and others, where traditionalist chocolate makers use only cocoa butter.

The European Commission had sued Italy, saying the EU law aims to inform consumers in a neutral way about the quality of chocolate on the basis of its ingredients.

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No 'pure chocolate'

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Metro Minute at Calgary gem show

If you're looking for a unique way to spend an afternoon this weekend, check out the Calgary Gem and Mineral Show.

The exhibit will feature various rocks, fossils and jewelry at the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre.

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The show will be open on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets are available at the doors.

Admission is $7 for adults, $5 for seniors and students and children under 12 are free.

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HOW WILL HEALTH CARE IN ALBERTA IMPROVE AFTER CEO STEPHEN DUCKETT'S DISMISSAL?

Gwen Sjogren
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"I would just hope that people will have more confidence ... hopefully somebody else will come in who's a little bit more empathetic and understanding."

Glen Barlow
CALGARY
"Personally I don't think it will improve just by firing him, now they've got to find somebody to replace him."

Indies worth watching

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Heartless
Jim Sturgess stars as a melancholy photographer (who is marred by a heart-shaped birthmark, hence the title) who must navigate through a darkly shot London, which is being ravaged by demons.

Undertow
Being billed as a gay ghost story, this acclaimed film (and Peru's official Oscar selection) follows Miguel, a married soon-to-be father and fisherman who is having a secret love affair with another man. His lover accidentally dies and comes back to haunt Miguel who is then forced to openly deal with who he is.

Bhutto
This documentary, which has been making rounds at festivals around the world, takes a close look at one of the most captivating characters of our time: the assassinated Benazir Bhutto, the first woman to govern a Muslim nation. Elected after her father's death, she fought against political corruption and radical Islam.

DOROTHY ROBINSON AND MARIE-FRANCE PEREL

Sure, there's some Oscar bait hitting the screens this time of year, but there are also sequels, remakes, adaptations and recycled material
We take a look at which ones might actually have a chance

More deja vu at the movies

The Tourist (Dec. 10)
The original French film, Anthony Zimmer, was critically acclaimed but flopped at the box office. Then again, it didn't star Angelina Jolie. Or Johnny Depp. Or Angelina Jolie and Johnny Depp.

TRON: Legacy (Dec. 17)
"There are no guarantees about TRON. It's a sequel based on a cult film," says film critic Dave White of Movies.com. "They're anticipating a huge audience who never heard of the original — and Daft Punk fans."

Yogi Bear (Dec. 17)
"Yogi Bear is essentially in the Alvin and the Chipmunks' spot," says Brandon Gray, publisher of BoxOfficeMojo.com. "It would be surprising if they could repeat that success. I don't think Yogi Bear is as popular a property as the Chipmunks."

Gulliver's Travels (Dec. 22)
"Jack Black has a mixed track record. Gulliver's Travels seems to want to be the new Night at the Museum, but it'll probably be closer to Bedtime Stories, which was the last movie that tried to be the next Night at the Museum," says Gray.

Little Fockers (Dec. 22)
This seems a little out of left field. "The sequel wasn't as highly regarded as the first. That, combined with the amount of time that has passed, might mean that this is where the franchise hits the wall," says Gray.

True Grit (Dec. 25)
It doesn't necessarily matter. Coen brothers fans are deterred by nothing, and Matt Damon and Josh Brolin will bring the rest. Wait, TRON star Jeff Bridges is in this one, too? Merry Christmas to all.

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Oscar race

This week, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced its short list for documentary features. Here are some you can still see in theaters or check out on DVD:
- Exit Through the Gift Shop
- Gasland
- Genius Within: The Inner Life of Glenn Gould
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Spokeswoman says Billy Joel is recovering from double hip-replacement surgery, doing well.

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DRUGS PLAY STARRING ROLE IN THE MOVIES

We've all heard those disclaimers at the end of pharmaceutical commercials: "May be harmful to humans if swallowed the most common side effects are temporary eyelid droop nausea decreased sweating avoid contact with skin." Usually they sound like one long breathless sentence that seems scarier than the disease the drugs are meant to prevent.

A new film, Love and Other Drugs, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Anne Hathaway as a pharmaceutical salesman and the girl he loves respectively, forgoes the disclaimer. In what almost seems like a 90-minute ad for Viagra, it appears that the drug's — Vitamin V, Jake calls it — only side effect is that it works too well. It is the rare movie that uses a real brand name drug as a plot device.

Even though the odd movie like Prozac Nation dares to name names, often filmmakers use fictitious drugs to advance their stories (and avoid lawsuits from the notoriously litigious Big Pharma). But even in fantasy side effects abound.

Brain Candy, the 1996 Kids in the Hall comedy, created a cure for depression called GLeeMONEX that "makes you feel like it's 72°F in your head all the time." Unfortunately the pill's patients also turn into comatose zombies.

David Cronenberg devised Ephemerol, a tranquilizer used as a morning sickness remedy for his film Scanners. Side effects? Telekinetic and telepathic abilities.

Later, in Naked Lunch, Cronenberg featured the more recreational drug Bug Powder, a yellow dust formally used by exterminators, informally by people looking to find a "literary high."

In Repo! The Genetic Opera, Paris Hilton's character Amber Sweet was addicted to a blue, glowing opiate extracted from dead bodies called Zydrate.

An alternative cinematic painkiller is Novril, the pills that kept James Caan sedated in Misery.

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▶ Anne Hathaway and Jake Gyllenhaal in Love and Other Drugs

Filmmakers don't just fictionalize pharmaceuticals, however. Plenty of recreational drugs get the Hollywood treatment. Remember Space Coke from Cheech and Chong's Next Movie? One snort was enough to send both Cheech and Chong literally into outer space.

A Clockwork Orange was chock-a-block with fake drugs; everything from Drencrom to the synthetic mescaline Synthemesc to Vellocet, which produced ultra-violent tendencies and sudden outbursts of Singing in the Rain.

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Huston plays the villian

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Actor Danny Huston has been having a lot of fun playing bad guys lately, and his latest, the genre-bending martial arts-meets-Old West the Warrior's Way, has him sinking his teeth into one of his baddest. Huston sat down with Metro to chat about ninjas in the Old West and getting back to directing.

You seem to be enjoying yourself playing bad guys.
I enjoyed myself on this. The highlight for me really was the sword action sequence with Kate (Bosworth), which was shot over about four days. That was just, from a choreography point of view, very exciting, physically demanding and a lot of fun to do.

Villains seem to be the meatier roles in big movies.
I would go along with that, but also our hero is complex in this story. It has a wonderful sort of zen balance to it, this film, which I suppose is indicative as to where it comes from.

The hero, in a way, has renounced violence. Our heroine needs violence to conquer her demons.

But the violence in this film, for me personally, it's so exquisite, so beautiful to look at, that it loses its violent impact. Unlike another film I did called the Proposition that was written by Nick Cave, which was very violent — a few people are killed in it.

But this is on another level. It's a ballet. It's Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon. It has a beauty to it, which allows it to be quite accessible and ultimately not about violence but about love.

Martial arts in the Old West is an interesting mix.
I didn't know quite how the ninjas, all of that was going to work. It at times confused me, to be quite honest. But it's almost like an opera.

There's a silence that Kurosawa and Ford shared, in your protagonist not necessarily having to express or emote his emotions, but for them to be contained.

And Sergio Leone did the same thing, and I think our lead in this picture, our warrior, is extremely good at stillness and at being able to convey emotion without having to act it.

Who would win in a fight, you or Kate?
Kate's pretty damn good. She's very athletic, she's quite a crafty little swordsman.

I also felt a little brutish from time to time because I am so much bigger. If I landed a punch or hit her with one of those blades, which are big, with my weight behind it I could really hurt her. But if she started fighting with me, I think I would just lay down and let her do whatever she wished.

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▶ Ninjas meet the Old West in the Warrior's Way.

Will you be returning to directing soon?
I'm developing a film called Day of the Dead, which is based on a novel by a guy named Kent Harrington. I've been optioning this book for 10 or 15 years. It's become a bad, costly habit.

So I've got to get this thing made, and I'm looking to start production on it hopefully next year. I'm itching to get back in the saddle and direct again.

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Movie review

Vision
Genre: Drama
Director: Margarethe von Trotta
Stars: Barbara Sukowa

You'll need night vision glasses to watch Margarethe von Trotta's interesting but murky Vision, a truth-based account of 12th century nun Hildegard von Bingen. A playwright, composer, forward-thinking and homeopathic healer, she is portrayed as a trailblazing habit-clad feminist. But for all the wonders of this woman's life on display, the film is so dark and joyless that sitting through Vision becomes akin to a kind of cinematic self-flagellation.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

127 Hours
Genre: Drama
Director: Danny Boyle
Stars: James Franco, Kate Mara, Amber Tamblyn

Danny Boyle's first film since Slumdog Millionaire earned a reputation for shock on the festival circuit where several audience members were dragged from the theatre after fainting. A plot synopsis will explain why: the film is about the true story of Aron Ralston, who in 2003 was trapped in a canyon for 5 days and was forced cut off his own arm to survive. Yes, the film is a grisly recreation of that painful reality, but it's also every bit as pulse-pounding and uplifting as Slumdog. Frankly, it's a better movie too.

James Franco stars as Ralston and gives the best performance of his career, guiding the audience through the ordeal with a mixture of charm and raw emotion. Boyle does a remarkable job of keeping his one-man show tense and entertaining, using every directorial trick he's compiled over the years and an unrelenting soundtrack. 127 Hours is a remarkable work of survival horror with an inspirational bent and slick style that elevates it above most entries in that genre. Even if the concept seems intimidating, it's worth the grueling experience. Boyle and Franco's work is so strong that even the most squeamish member of the audience will be cheering for that damn arm to come off.

PHIL BROWN

Brody sues over salary

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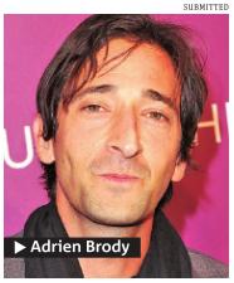

Adrien Brody says he was reluctantly forced to sue the makers of a thriller film because they failed to pay his full salary.

U.S. District Judge Dale S. Fischer on Monday blocked the sale or use of Brody's likeness in Giallo until the Oscar winner's remaining salary is paid. The judge noted in her ruling that the actor was likely to prevail in his $2 million lawsuit against the filmmakers.

"At no point did I ever wish to be involved in a legal dispute, but after over a year of attempting to resolve this matter I was left with no other alternative," Brody said in a statement.

The actor sued Hannibal Pictures and U.K.-based Giallo Productions Ltd. in October, shortly before Giallo went on sale in the U.S.

In a sworn declaration, Brody claimed the filmmakers lied to him about the movie's financing and how much its Italian distribution rights were worth.

According to the lawsuit, he agreed to defer some of his salary payments after producers informed him the film was having financial problems. Brody was given the ability to withhold his likeness from the movie unless he was fully paid, and he is still owed $640,000, according to the suit.

His attorney, Evan Spiegel, said the filmmakers "attempted to prey on Mr. Brody's professionalism and generosity." Spiegel said Brody agreed to defer his salary so fellow actors and the film's crew could be paid. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Burlesque (PG) No Passes Fri 7-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:20-3:30-7-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-9:45
Fair Game (PG) Fri 7:45-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:50-4-7:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:20-10
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) No Passes Fri 6:45-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-3:20-6:45-10:10 No Passes Mon 6:40-10:05
Inside Job (PG) Fri 6:30-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:30-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:40
Love & Other Drugs (18A) No Passes Fri 7:15-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:40-7:15-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:55

EMPIRE STUDIO 16 COUNTRY HILLS
388 Country Hills Blvd.,
403-686-8491

Burlesque (PG) No Passes, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-7:10-10:05
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Faster (14A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:40-10:10
Guzaarish (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2-4:50-8
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) No Passes, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 12:15-12:45-1:15-1:45-3:30-4-4:30-6:15-6:45-7:15-7:45-9:30-10-10:30 No Passes, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 12:15-12:45-1:15-1:45-3:30-4-4:30-6:15-6:45-7:15-7:45-9:30-10 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 12:45-1:15-1:45-3:30-4-4:30-6:15-6:45-7:15-7:45-9:30-10
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Megamind 3D (G) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-3:30-6:30-9
Morning Glory (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 7:10-9:55
The Next Three Days (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05-6:55-10:05
Tangled (G) No Passes, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:30-3:15-7:20-9:50
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Tere Ishq Nachaya (STC) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:40-7:30-10:05
Unstoppable (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:35-3:40-7:10

EMPIRE STUDIO 10 MACLEOD TRAIL
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403-974-0470

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Tangled 3D (G) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:30
Unstoppable (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:20-9:45

GLOBE CINEMA
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The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest (14A) Fri 6:50 Sat-Sun 12:50-6:50 Mon-Thu 6:50
Monsters (14A) Fri 9:30 Sat-Sun 3:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 9:30
Morning Glory (PG) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 1-3:10-7-9:10 Mon-Thu 7-9:10

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403-248-2000

Alpha and Omega (G) Fri-Thu 1-4
Break Ke Baad (STC) Fri-Thu 1:30-8:30
Despicable Me (G) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:50-6:40
Guzaarish (PG) Fri-Thu 8
Hereafter (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35-6:45-9:35
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:45
Paranormal Activity 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:05-7-9:50
The Social Network (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:40-6:50-9:40
Tere Ishq Nachaya (STC) Fri-Thu 4:15-7:30
The Town (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35-6:45-9:30
Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG) Fri-Thu 9:25
You Again (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:55-6:55-9:45

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Burlesque (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:30-10:30
Due Date (14A) Fri 11:45-2-4:30-7:45-10:15 Sat-Thu 11:45-2-4:30-7:25-10:15
Fair Game (PG) Fri 1:10-4:05-7:15-10:05 Sat 4:05-7:15-10:05 Sun-Thu 1:10-4:05-7:15-10:05
Faster (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:10
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1: The IMAX Experience (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30
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Love & Other Drugs (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:50-7:15-10
The Maltese Falcon (STC) Sun 1
Megamind (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:40
Megamind 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10:20
The Metropolitan Opera: Boris Godunov Encore (STC) Sat 10
Morning Glory (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:10-7:10-10:05
The Next Three Days (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:20
Red (14A) Fri-Thu 7:05-10
Skyline (14A) Fri-Sat 12:10-2:35-5:10-7:40-10:25 Sun 5:10-7:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 12:10-2:35-5:10-7:40-10:25
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PLAZA THEATRE
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Extraordinary Measures (PG) Thu 7
The Secret Diaries of Miss Anne Lister (STC) Tue 7
The Social Network (PG) Fri 9:10 Sat-Sun 12:15-4:35-9:10 Mon 9:10
Vision (STC) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 2:30-7 Mon 7 Tue-Thu 9:15
Wasteland (STC) Wed 7

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Catfish (PG) Fri 4:40-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:20-4:40-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:40-9:10
Fubar 2 (18A) Fri 5-9 Sat 12:15-5-9 Sun 12:15-9 Mon-Thu 5-9
The Gift (STC) Fri 7
Life During Wartime (14A) Fri 7:10 Sat 2:30 Sun 2:30-7:10 Mon-Thu 7:10
The Milk of Sorrow (14A) Sun 4:30
The Secret in Their Eyes (18A) Sat 7
Stone (18A) Sat 6:50 Sun 2:10-6:50 Mon-Wed 6:50

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165 Stewart Green,
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Mix of Six

Party
The Mansion's Movember Stash Party

The Mansion will throw its Movember Stash Party Friday beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10 and judging begins at 10 p.m. The Mansion is located at 355 10 Avenue S.W.

Family Event
All Breed Dog Show

From Friday to Sunday, the All Breed Dog Show will be on at Stampede Park in the lower level of the Big Four Building.

Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for students and seniors.

Sale
ACAC Winter Show and Sale

ACAD will be hosting its annual Winter Show and Sale with plenty of unique items made by the students.

The sale takes place at ACAD, located at 1407 14 Avenue N.W., between 1 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Family Event
The Festival of Lights

The Festival of Lights will take place on Sunday at the Wainwright Hotel at Heritage Park. It begins at 5:30 p.m. and tickets are $79.95 per person.

Fitness
Catch the Elves Run and Walk

Calgarians will running Christmas-style this Sunday during the Seventh Annual Catch The Elves Run and Walk. Participants can register for the 10 km run or three km walk and the event will kick-off from the Eau Claire Running Room. Registration is $40 for adults and $10 for children.

Charity
Hockey for the Homeless Tournament

The Third Annual Hockey for the Homeless Tournament is taking place Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a dinner and reception to follow. It will be held at the Don Hartman Sportsplex, which is located at 5206 68 Street N.E. Registration is $400 per player.

7th heaven

DARTH VADER
CULTURE

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Looks like the force wasn't with the owner of a Darth Vader costume this week. An original Star Wars costume, believed to have been made for The Empire Strikes Back, failed to sell at Christie's Auction House. The suit is estimated to be worth around $250,000 to $365,000 US — but the auction was stopped when less then that amount was offered as a final bid, reported the Associated Press.

MUSIC VIDEOS
CULTURE

Thought the music video was dead? Think again.

Looks like the CRTC is all about keeping the genre alive, and has even denied a MuchMusic request to cut the amount of videos it plays from 50 per cent to 25 per cent in order to air more lifestyle programming. Wait, MuchMusic still plays music videos?

KNIGHT AND DAY
MOVIES

Cameron Diaz and Tom Cruise in Knight and Day hit the small screen on Wednesday when it gets its DVD and Blu-ray release.

The high-speed film features Cruise as a guy on the run who uses Diaz for protection.

SNOOKI
CELEBRITY

If you thought Snooki was nuts after watching Jersey Shore, you may have some ammo for your argument.

Snooki is making her commercial debut in a Wonderful Pistachios' Get Snackin ad. Other spots include Charlie Brown and Wee-Man from Jackass. See them at getsnackin.com.

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CANADA READS
BOOKS

CBC Radio announced who will be taking part in this year's Canada Reads panel, including Corner Gas' Lorne Cardinal, decorator Debbie Travie and Tegan and Sara's Sara Quin.

The books being debated are Unless by Carol Shields and The Best Laid Plans by Terry Fallis. Debates start this February.

DAVID LETTERMAN
TELEVISION

Looks like the mayor of Waskada, Man., has reason to be really happy or very, very upset.

It turns out Mary Gary Williams looks a lot like late night talk show host David Letterman, who pointed out the similarities during a broadcast last week

GETTTY IMAGES

JENNIFER GREY
TELEVISION

Well, it looks like the line still stands: Nobody puts Baby in the corner.

When push came to shove, the Dirty Dancing actress toe-tapped her way to the Dancing with the Stars crown this week.

The finale of Dancing with the Stars also scored big for ABC. The conclusion to the series' 11th season scored the biggest audience since 2007, the network said Wednesday.

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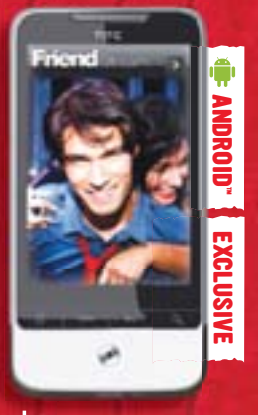

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It's good to be Green

Cee-Lo finds his stride as a solo-artist with The Lady Killer ◗ Had labels' blessing on viral hit

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You always hear about artistic differences between artists and record labels, but if Cee-Lo Green knows anything, if you have the right song a label will back anything. He should know, he's the guy who presented Elektra with a song called F— You. According to him, they didn't even bat an eyelash.

"I've been giving my label a lot of credit," he says from the penthouse of a posh boutique hotel in Toronto.

You know you've got a massive hit when...

How popular is Cee-Lo's F— You, exactly?

Well, just recently Gwyenth Paltrow of all people sang the song on Glee, which in turn made it a top five hit. Cee-Lo has given it his seal of approval. "I thought it was cool and they asked so soon, which gave confirmation of what the song was becoming," he says. "Gwyneth did a great job. The song doesn't belong to me anymore, this is everyone's song."

"There was just a unanimous 'yes' about this record, all throughout the building as soon as they heard it. With a title like that you can safely assume where it wouldn't work as opposed to where it would, but they never gave up on this record."

Of course, a compromise was made in order to achieve this success. His label felt the song's title and chorus would need to be cleaned up for mass consumption. But Cee-Lo was more than willing to co-operate.

"Initially we did all of these alternative versions like Forget You, Eff You, I Could Have Loved You, Bump You, so we were prepared," he explains.

"My credibility and integrity are intact," he says.

"There is a younger, adolescent audience that we would like to have as much of our material accessible to. But there's still the original, explicit version for adults."

This treaty between artist and label has made Cee-Lo one of the most ubiquitous artists of 2010.

Having previously tasted success both as an MC with Southern hip-hop crew Goodie Mob and a singer in the Danger Mouse collaboration Gnarls Barkley, The Lady Killer, his first new solo album in almost seven years, finds the booming crooner at his most accessible.

Cee-Lo says returning to his solo work happened naturally.

"It's simply carrying on," he says.

"There was no extended agenda, there's just more music in me. This particular creative direction I had yet to showcase, this more sensitive, sexual, romantic side. And I thought it was the right thing to do."

▶ Cee Lo Green in Toronto on Monday.

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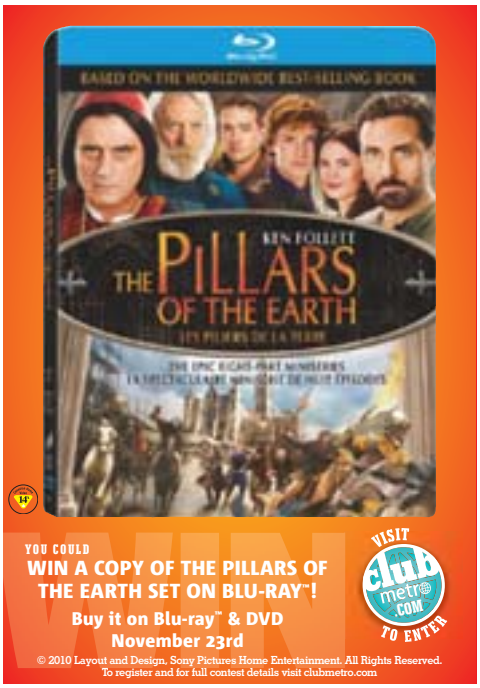

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A-Rod, Diaz are on again, off again

Couple breaking up all the time Rodriguez likes his single life status

Despite reports of a split earlier this month, Alex Rodriguez and Cameron Diaz were spotted getting very cozy at a private L.A. club this week before heading to Miami together, according to Us Weekly.

"Cameron was holding his hand and nuzzling him," a source says. "They break up and get back together all the time."

But getting Diaz to see him again reportedly wasn't easy.

"He cut things off from her and she was really hurt," a source tells Hollywood Life. "She wasn't looking to get married or anything, but Alex has a wandering eye and wanted to see other people. But, he missed her. Cameron is really a lot of fun and Alex always had a good time with her." METRO

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A-Rod has eyes for others

Christina Aguilera

New beau?

Christina Aguilera was spotted holding hands with Matthew Rutler, her rumored new love interest, according to Us Weekly. METRO

Looking for another baby

Halle Berry is reportedly eager to give daughter Nahla a little sibling, and since time is a factor, she's said to be putting pressure on boyfriend Olivier Martinez, according to the Daily Mail.

"I'd love more children," according to the newspaper.

"I'm 44, so who knows how much longer I can wait?"

Berry officially split from Nahla's father, Gabriel Aubry, in April.

Rumours of infidelity floated at that time but neither officially commented on the split. METRO

Talking points

Longoria takes some down time

WE CAN THINK OF A FEW CELEBS WE'D LIKE TO TAKE SOME PERMANENT DOWN TIME While estranged husband Tony Parker spent the holiday in Arizona, Eva Longoria celebrated Thanksgiving in Los Angeles with friends and family, according to Hollyscoop.

With the divorce occupying her time, Longoria let others take care of cooking the big meal, sources say. By her own admission, that can't have been easy.

"My worst habit in the kitchen is not allowing anybody to help me," Longoria told Red Book last month. "I like to cook by myself. Tony calls me 'the crazy woman' at Thanksgiving." METRO

Lady Gaga invests in a restaurant

NO WORD IF THEY'LL BE SERVING THAT MEAT DRESS Lady Gaga can add restaurant owner to her list of careers, as the singer recently invested in an Italian restaurant on Manhattan's Upper West Side, Vince & Eddie's, that's a favourite of her and her family, according to Page Six.

"When she's in town, she likes to come here with her friends, because it's very homey and private," Gaga's mother tells W magazine. It's unclear what involvement, if any, the singer will have with the running of the restaurant. METRO

Celebrity tweets

Kathy Griffin [@kathygriffin] Oh Good God! Mrs Kathy is at a young person's club! The music is too boom boom!!

Elizabeth Banks [@ElizabethBanks] Getting excited for my TSA pat down later today! Good times ahead!

Carrie Fisher [@CarrieFFisher] I don't question reality I do my best to avoid it- I question reality T.V.

Joel McHale [@joelmchale] When asked if you're carrying any concealed weapons, softly murmur, "Just a broken heart." METRO

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Cheesecake that's more than dessert

Blue cheese and less sugar give this cheesecake real presence at the end of your meal

The goal — liberate cheesecake from the dessert course. And it was easier than we thought.

While rich, creamy cheesecake is a fine way to end the meal, we didn't think it had to be sweet to do so.

We wanted a savoury cheesecake, one that could finish the meal as a cheese course. And so we cut the sugar and substituted blue cheese for part of the cream cheese.

And since blue cheese pairs so nicely with fruit, we added a topping of pears poached in red wine and balsamic vinegar.

Blue Cheese Cheesecake with Cabernet Caramelized Pears

Preparation:

1 Start to finish: 6 hours (45 minutes active) Heat oven to 180 C (350 F).

2 In a food processor, pulse together walnuts, sugar, flour, salt and black pepper until walnuts are the size of small peas. Add butter and pulse until mixture is just moistened. Press mixture into bottom of a 25-cm (10-inch) springform pan. Bake for 15 minutes or until golden around the edges and fragrant. Leave the oven on.

3 While the crust bakes, mix the cake filling. In the bowl of a stand mixer, combine cream cheese, blue cheese, flour and sugar. Mix on medium-low until well combined, scraping down the sides of the bowl several times. Add eggs, one at a time, beating and scraping the bowl in between until eggs are thoroughly incorporated.

4 After crust is baked, pour filling into pan and bake for another 30 to 40 minutes or until the centre just barely jiggles when you shake the pan and the top slightly puffs. Remove from oven and set aside to cool to room temperature, about 1 hour. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours (and up to 2 days) before serving.

5 To prepare pears, peel pears, then cut each half lengthwise. Scoop out and discard core.

6 In a deep saute pan, combine wine, vinegar, sugar and salt. Bring mixture to a simmer and add pears, core side down. Allow mixture to simmer until liquid is syrupy and pears are caramelized and tender, occasionally basting pears with liquid, about 20 minutes. Set aside to cool to room temperature.

7 When ready to serve, run a knife around the edge of the springform pan to loosen cheesecake. Remove sides of pan. If desired, run a long spatula under the crust and slide the cake onto a serving plate. Top cheesecake with caramelized pears.

Ingredients:

Crust
- 250 ml (1 cup) walnuts
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sugar
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 10 ml (2 tsp) ground black pepper
- 90 ml (6 tbsp) butter, melted

Filling
- 2 pkgs (each 250 g/8 oz) cream cheese, room temperature
- 250 g (8 oz) strong blue cheese, such as roquefort
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) all-purpose flour
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sugar
- 3 eggs

Pears
- 4 fresh, firm pears such as Bosc
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) Cabernet Sauvignon
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) balsamic vinegar
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) sugar
- Pinch salt

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▶ This cheesecake is exceptionally rich. Serve it in small slivers.

Food in brief

Many Canadians, particularly baby boomers aged 55 and older, women and high-income consumers, are avoiding what they perceive to be unhealthy foods at fast-food eateries, a new survey suggests. Many consumers simply choose to substitute where they can, such as replacing french fries with salad. THE CANADIAN PRESS

It doesn't take much effort to make hot cocoa that surpasses powdered

Make up for what's missing

Who hasn't been in the midst of cooking a special dish and been faced with "missing ingredient" syndrome?

It goes like this: You are about to commence making a hearty winter soup containing vegetables and pearl barley. Uh-oh, when you last shopped for groceries you forgot to add the barley to your list. So, what to do?

You can substitute arborio or carnaroli rice, orzo pasta, buckwheat groats, Scotch barley or barley grits. Problem solved.

This is the gist of an invaluable book that would be perfect for the home chef on your Christmas gift list.

The Food Substitutions Bible: Second Edition by David Joachim contains 6,500 suggestions for alternative ingredients and kitchen equipment.

"I always want to know how things work, what is going on and that just led me to understand food in a way that allowed me to substitute one ingredient for another pretty easily," says Joachim.

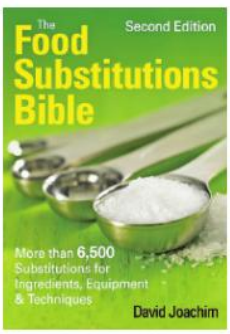
When it comes to ingredients, the award-winning food writer looks into the family in which it resides.

"So in the family of root vegetables, turnips can replace celery root and why not?" he asks. "It will taste a little different, but it will also work."

Joachim operates out of a home kitchen for his research. "It is like a test kitchen," he acknowledges.

Another interesting substitution is when he replaces milk with sour cream, "which will make a chocolate cake or muffins more tender and moist."

"But sour cream is higher in acid than milk so you need to make a few adjustments there," Joachim explains. THE CANADIAN PRESS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Glavic hoping to go out a winner

Bad knees or not, Erik Glavic wants to leave university football in a blaze of glory.

The University of Calgary quarterback gets his last shot at a Vanier Cup when the Dinos take on the hometown Laval Rouge et Or at PEPS Stadium on Saturday (TSN, 9:45 a.m.).

Then he expects to hang up the spikes for good.

The Pickering, Ont., native is in his fifth and last year of eligibility and, despite two Hec Crighton trophies as the top football player in Canadian Interuniversity Sport, was never drafted by a Canadian Football League team. Retirement as a player beckons.

"This will essentially be my last game of contact football, but I'm trying not to look at it that way," Glavic said Thursday.

"I'm a pretty emotional guy, I wear my heart on my sleeve, but I try to take that emotion out of it and stay on an even keel and hopefully lead this team to a victory.

"Now, with the knee situations, even if someone was interested I don't think I'd pursue it. My knees are really not doing well. I'm hoping to be walking when I'm 40. I think it's best for me to step away from the game, even though it kills me. I love playing. But it's best for me."

Once a dynamic scrambler, Glavic rarely runs the ball any more, but coach Blake Nill says he has compensated with a better all-around game, making better reads in the pocket and letting the offensive line and star running back Steven Lumbala take care of the ground game.

He will need all his weapons as the Dinos, a solid offensive side, go up against a Laval defence that is widely recognized as the best in the country.

The Rouge et Or conceded only 6.4 points per game to opponents while going 10-0 this season and they have picked off 14 passes in their three post-season games.

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2 Glavic has been to the Vanier Cup twice in his career, in 2007 with St. Mary's and 2009 with Calgary, and lost both times, including a close defeat last year to Queen's — a game also played at PEPS Stadium.

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▶ Henry Burris has ended Anthony Calvillo's two-year reign as most outstanding player.

Outstanding

Stampeders quarterback Henry Burris wins award for CFL's top player

It took two years, but Henry Burris has his CFL outstanding player award.

The Calgary Stampeders quarterback captured the CFL's top individual honour Thursday at the league's awards banquet. He earned 32 of 60 votes from the Football Reporters of Canada and the league's eight head coaches to nip Anthony Calvillo of the Montreal Alouettes. Calvillo had claimed the trophy the last two years.

But Calvillo will be looking for a bigger prize when he leads the Alouettes into the Grey Cup game against Saskatchewan at Commonwealth Stadium on Sunday (TSN, 4 p.m.).

The Riders upset Burris and the Stampeders — who posted a league-best 13-5 record — 20-16 in last weekend's West Division final.

Burris was a finalist to Calvillo for the outstanding player award in 2008 and wasn't happy about it.

Afterwards, he was very vocal about feeling he should've earned the honour, although he did finish the season hoisting the Grey Cup after Calgary beat Montreal 22-14 in the final.

The six-foot-two, 219-pound Burris played a major roll in leading Calgary to top spot in the West Division standings. Burris, 35, was third in CFL passing with 4,945 yards and had a league-high 38 touchdown tosses but also threw 20 interceptions, second only to Saskatchewan's Darian Durant (22).

Burris was also a multi-threat quarterback, rushing for 491 yards and three TDs.

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More awards

- Burris wasn't the only Stampeder honoured. Offensive tackle **Ben Archibald** was named the top lineman. Calgary linebacker **Juwan Simpson** was a finalist to Hamilton's **Markeith Knowlton** for top defensive player.
- The other winners included Saskatchewan slotback **Andy Fantuz** (top Canadian), kick-returner **Chad Owens** of the Toronto Argonauts (special teams) and B.C. Lions linebacker **Solomon Elimimian** (rookie).

Saints win Thanksgiving thriller

Drew Brees was a young Dallas Cowboys fan cheering on Jason Garrett during his amazing comeback victory on Thanksgiving 1994. With Garrett and the Cowboys on the verge of another holiday stunner, Brees and the New Orleans Saints snatched it away.

Brees and the Saints went from leading by 17 to trailing midway through the fourth quarter. The Cowboys were about to seal the victory with a long pass play when safety Malcolm Jenkins swiped the ball back and Brees drove 89 yards for a go-ahead touchdown 1:55 left. Dallas' David Buehler narrowly missed a 59-yard field goal with 25 seconds left that would've tied it, and the Saints held on for a 30-27 victory Thursday.

30	27
SAINTS	COWBOYS

"It was kind of a gutcheck win," New Orleans coach Sean Payton said.

Payton appeared to be trying to call timeout as the ball was snapped for Buehler's kick, which would've given the Cowboys another chance. But the officials didn't give it to him, so the play stood.

"Fortunately, I did not," Payton said.

The Saints were playing on the holiday for the first time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"We've been very fortunate to get back and win it a couple of times, but man, we keep telling these young guys, 'Listen, this doesn't happen all the time. We're in a unique situation. And it ain't just because you dress up as an Alouette (that) you're automatically going to be in this (Grey Cup) game"

ALS QB ANTHONY CALVILLO, ON PLAYING IN THE GREY CUP FINAL SEVEN TIMES

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Grey Cup preview

Grey's anatomy

Metro's CFL columnist Dan Toth breaks down the matchups for this Sunday's Grey Cup final, where Montreal will face Saskatchewan

Offence: Alouettes

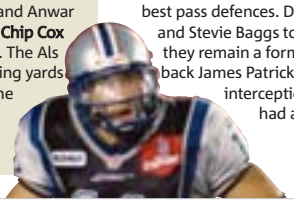
Alouettes quarterback **Anthony Calvillo** is a finalist for the league's Most Outstanding Player Award. Calvillo also owns two Grey Cup rings. He gives the Als an edge.

Offence: Roughriders

Saskatchewan QB **Darian Durant** is in just his third season as a starter, albeit in his second consecutive Grey Cup. Durant led the league in passing, with 5,542 yards, as well as in attempts and completions.

Defence: Alouettes

Teams are successful passing against the Alouettes but not rushing the ball. Defensive ends John Bowman and Anwar Stewart along with linebackers **Chip Cox** and Shea Emry can stop the run. The Als secondary surrendered 291 passing yards per game, second-worst in the league.



Defence: Roughriders

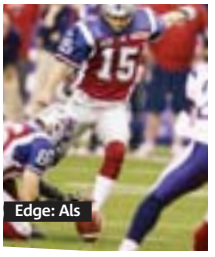
The Roughriders had the second-worst run defence in the CFL this season but field one of the best pass defences. Despite losing John Chick and Stevie Baggs to the NFL after last year, they remain a formidable force. Defensive back James Patrick led the league with nine interceptions and **Barrin Simpson** had a CFL-best 104 tackles.

Special teams: Alouettes

The Alouettes had 2,807 return yards this season. Montreal's **Tim Maypray** was third in return yardage and can boast three returns for touchdowns this season. Montreal kicker **Damon Duval** is a veteran punter and placekicker.

Special teams: Roughriders

The Riders did not return any kicks for a touchdown. Riders kicker Luca Congi is out for the season, leaving inexperienced Canadian Warren Kean to kick field goals.



Coaches: Alouettes

Montreal head coach **Marc Trestman** insists his players have to think of Sunday's game completely removed from last year's game. "We don't look at it as a rematch or a repeat. It's a completely independent event with two completely different football teams."

Coaches: Roughriders

Saskatchewan coach **Ken Miller** is adamant his team isn't looking for redemption after last year's shocking Grey Cup loss to Montreal after a too-many-men penalty. "I've found through the years that (revenge) is a very poor motivator that's based on emotion, not on intellect."

Grey Cup in pictures

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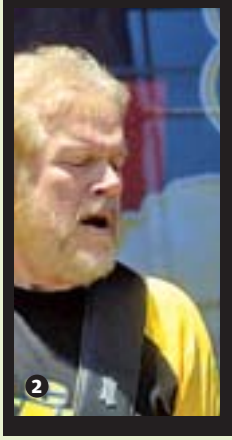

1 Gainer the Gopher — the beloved mascot of the Saskatchewan Roughriders — is persona non grata at the provincial legislature. Premier Brad Wall, an avid Riders fan, says that's because Gainer visited the assembly last year and then the Riders lost the Grey Cup in a heartbreaking finish to the Montreal Alouettes.

2 Canadian rock band The Trews will play the national anthem before the game. Canadian music legends Bachman & Turner will perform at halftime. Down With Webster will perform during the pregame show.

3 On Sunday, only three Alouettes will have the distinction of having stepped on the field for all eight championship appearances with the club: Quarterback Anthony Calvillo, slotback Ben Cahoon and offensive lineman Scott Flory.

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d-Philadelphia	23	15	6	2	0	84	56	32	9-4-0-0	6-2-2-0	7-2-1-0	W3
d-Washington	23	15	6	1	1	77	66	32	10-1-0-1	5-5-1-0	6-2-1-1	W1
d-Montreal	22	14	7	1	0	57	43	29	8-4-1-0	6-3-0-0	7-3-0-0	W1
Tampa Bay	22	13	7	2	0	70	68	28	6-2-1-0	7-5-1-0	6-4-0-0	W5
Pittsburgh	23	13	8	2	0	70	59	28	5-5-1-0	8-3-1-0	7-2-1-0	W4
Boston	20	12	6	0	2	58	39	26	4-4-0-2	8-2-0-0	5-3-0-2	W1
NY Rangers	23	12	10	1	0	68	65	25	5-6-1-0	7-4-0-0	5-5-0-0	L1
Atlanta	22	10	9	1	2	73	74	23	6-5-0-1	4-4-1-1	4-5-0-1	W3
Ottawa	22	10	11	1	0	53	69	21	6-5-0-0	4-6-1-0	5-5-0-0	L1
Carolina	21	9	10	0	2	65	71	20	5-4-0-1	4-6-0-1	4-4-0-2	L3
Toronto	20	8	9	1	2	47	55	19	6-4-1-1	2-5-0-1	3-5-0-2	W1
Buffalo	23	8	12	3	0	58	69	19	3-8-1-0	5-4-1-0	5-4-1-0	L2
Florida	20	9	11	0	0	53	51	18	5-4-0-0	4-7-0-0	5-5-0-0	L2
New Jersey	22	7	13	1	1	43	66	16	3-5-1-1	4-8-0-0	4-5-0-1	W2
NY Islanders	21	4	12	3	2	47	75	13	2-4-1-1	2-8-2-1	0-8-1-1	L14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	19	13	4	1	1	67	53	28	9-1-1-1	4-3-0-0	7-2-1-0	L1
d-Phoenix	21	11	5	4	1	62	59	27	5-2-2-1	6-3-2-0	7-1-1-1	W7
d-Vancouver	21	11	7	1	2	62	58	25	7-2-0-1	4-5-1-1	5-4-1-0	W1
Columbus	20	14	6	0	0	59	47	28	6-5-0-0	8-1-0-0	8-2-0-0	W5
St. Louis	20	12	5	1	2	54	52	27	8-0-0-1	4-5-1-1	6-3-0-1	W3
Los Angeles	21	13	8	0	0	62	53	26	8-1-0-0	5-7-0-0	5-5-0-0	L2
Colorado	22	12	9	1	0	76	67	25	6-4-0-0	5-6-1-0	5-5-0-0	L2
San Jose	20	10	6	4	0	60	54	24	7-3-2-0	3-3-2-0	5-2-3-0	W1
Chicago	24	11	11	1	1	73	72	24	5-7-0-0	6-4-1-1	4-5-0-1	L1
Dallas	20	11	8	0	1	59	58	23	7-3-0-1	4-5-0-0	5-4-0-1	W1
Anaheim	23	10	10	2	1	57	69	23	7-3-0-1	3-7-2-0	5-3-2-0	L5
Minnesota	20	10	8	0	2	47	53	22	6-5-0-1	4-3-0-1	5-5-0-0	L2
Nashville	20	9	7	3	1	48	53	22	3-1-3-1	6-6-0-0	4-5-0-1	L2
Calgary	21	8	11	1	1	60	63	18	5-5-0-0	3-6-1-1	2-6-1-1	L3
Edmonton	21	6	11	1	3	52	84	16	3-5-0-1	3-6-1-2	3-5-1-1	W1

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Last night's result
Edmonton 3 Colorado 2
Wednesday's results
Montreal 4 Los Angeles 1
Vancouver 4 Colorado 2
Dallas 2 Ottawa 1
New Jersey 2 Calgary 1 (SO)
Atlanta 5 Detroit 1
Boston 3 Florida 1
Columbus 4 N.Y. Islanders 3 (OT)
Philadelphia 6 Minnesota 1
Pittsburgh 1 Buffalo 0
San Jose 5 Chicago 2
St. Louis 2 Nashville 1 (SO)
Tampa Bay 5 N.Y. Rangers 3
Washington 3 Carolina 2

Today's games
(All Times Eastern)
Carolina at Boston, 12 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
Calgary at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Nashville at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
Chicago at Anaheim, 4 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 5 p.m.
Detroit at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

OILERS 3, AVALANCHE 2

First Period
1. Edmonton, Brule 3 (Gilbert, Penner) 1:40
2. Edmonton, Cogliano 2 (Gilbert, Hall) 3:51
3. Colorado, Shattenkirk 3 (Hejduk, Duchene) 5:50

Penalties — McLeod Col (roughing, 10-minute misconduct); Stortini Edm (roughing) 10:54.

Second Period
4. Colorado, Duchene 5 (Yip, Jones) 3:04 (pp)

Penalties — Foster Edm (hooking) 1:38, Wilson Col (tripping) 3:21, Whitney Edm (hooking) 10:41, Wilson Col (cross-checking) 14:54.

Third Period
5. Edmonton, Hall 5 (Eberle, Gerber) 19:31

Penalty — Duchene Col (holding) 0:41.

Shots

Colorado	12	16	9	37
Edmonton	4	7	13	24

Goal — Colorado: Budaj (L,8-5-1); Edmonton: Gerber (W,1-0-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Colorado: 1-2; Edmonton: 0-3. **Referees** — Tom Kowal, Bill McCreary. **Linesmen** — Lonnie Cameron, Brad Lazarowich. **Att.** — 16,839 (16,839) at Edmonton.

LATE WEDNESDAY

CANUCKS 4, AVALANCHE 2

First Period
1. Vancouver, Bieksa 3 (Samuelsson, Malhotra) 10:32

Penalties — McLeod Col (boarding) 4:13, Alberts Vcr (interference) 11:55, Ballard Vcr (slashing) 14:56.

Second Period
2. Colorado, Liles 4 (Shattenkirk, Hejduk) 5:05 (pp)
3. Vancouver, D.Sedin 13 (H.Sedin, Burrows) 10:00

Penalties — McLeod Col (holding) 2:12, Hamhuis Vcr (tripping) 3:20, Dupuis Col (high-sticking) 11:27, Hamhuis Vcr (hooking) 14:58, McLeod Col (elbowing) 17:25.

Third Period
4. Vancouver, Kesler 10 (Raymond, Tambellini) 3:52
5. Colorado, Duchene 4 (Liles, Yip) 6:46
6. Vancouver, Burrows 2 (D. Sedin, H. Sedin) 13:07

Penalty — Ehrhoff Vcr (holding) 16:47.

Shots

Colorado	7	10	6	23
Vancouver	7	7	6	20

Goal — Colorado: Anderson (7-6), Budaj (L,8-4-1) (start second, 13-10); Vancouver: Luongo (W,8-7-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Colorado: 0-5; Vancouver: 1-4. **Att.** — 18,860 at Vancouver.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Stamkos, TB	21	17	38
Crosby, Pgh	15	21	36
Ovechkin, Wash	10	19	29
St. Louis, TB	8	21	29
Semin, Wash	14	12	26
D.Sedin, Vcr	13	13	26
B.Richards, Dal	10	16	26
H.Sedin, Vcr	2	24	26
C.Stewart, Col	11	13	24
E.Staal, Car	10	14	24

TENNIS

ATP WORLD TOUR FINALS

At London
Round Robin
Singles
Group B
Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Robin Soderling (4), Sweden, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Andy Murray (5), Britain, beat David Ferrer (7), Spain, 6-2, 6-2.
Standings: Federer 3-0 (sets 6-0), Soderling 1-2 (2-4).
Group A
Standings: Rafael Nadal 2-0 (4-1), Tomas Berdych 1-1 (2-2), Novak Djokovic 1-1 (2-2), Andy Roddick 0-2 (1-4).
Doubles
Group A
Bob and Mike Bryan (1), U.S., def. Lukas Dlouhy, Czech Republic, and Leander Paes (3), India, 6-3, 6-4.
Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski (6), Poland, def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria, and Philipp Petzschner (8), Germany, 6-3, 7-6 (7).
Standings: x-Fyrstenberg-Matkowski 3-0 (6-1), x-Bryan-Bryan 2-1 (5-2), Melzer-Petzschner 1-2 (2-5), Dlouhy-Paes 0-3 (1-6).
Group B
Standings: Daniel Nestor-Nenad Zimonjic 2-0 (4-0), Mahesh Bhupathi-Max Mirnyi 1-1 (2-2), Wesley Moodie-Dick Norman 1-1 (2-2), Lukas Kubot-Oliver Marach 0-2 (0-4).
x — advanced to semifinals.

GOLF

DUBAI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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First Round

Robert Karlsson	34-31—65
Seung-yul Noh	33-33—66
Martin Kaymer	33-34—67
Thongchai Jaidee	34-34—68
Henrik Stenson	34-35—69
Sergio Garcia	36-33—69
Alejandro Canizares	34-35—69
Charl Schwartzel	35-34—69
Ian Poulter	33-36—69
Lee Westwood	34-35—69
Thomas Aiken	37-33—70
Raphael Jacquelin	35-35—70
Gary Boyd	34-36—70
David Horsey	36-34—70
Paul Casey	37-33—70
Miguel Angel Jimenez	36-34—70
Robert-Jan Derksen	38-33—71
Brett Rumford	37-34—71
Soren Kjeldsen	36-35—71
Y.E. Yang	37-34—71
Darren Clarke	36-35—71
Ross Fisher	35-36—71
Rory McIlroy	34-37—71
Francesco Molinari	36-35—71

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL

NFL

TENNESSEE TITANS—Signed G Ryan Durand to the practice squad. Released CB Pete Ittersagen.

HOCKEY

NHL

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Reassigned F Jon Matsumoto to Charlotte (AHL).
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Reassigned F Hunter Bishop from Wheeling (ECHL) to Hamilton (AHL).
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Granted F Rick Rypien an indefinite leave of absence.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned D Brian Fahey and G Braden Holtby to Hershey (AHL).

SOCCER

MLS

VANCOUVER WHITECAPS—Traded D-MF Nathan Sturgis to Toronto FC for a 2011 first-round draft pick.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	11	4	.733	—
New York	8	8	.500	3½
Toronto	6	9	.400	5
New Jersey	5	10	.333	6
Philadelphia	3	12	.200	8
SOUTHEAST DIVISION				
Orlando	10	4	.714	—
Atlanta	9	7	.563	2
Miami	8	7	.533	2½
Washington	5	9	.357	5
Charlotte	5	10	.333	5½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
Chicago	8	5	.615	—
Indiana	7	6	.538	1
Cleveland	6	8	.429	2½
Milwaukee	5	9	.357	3½
Detroit	5	10	.333	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	13	1	.929	—
New Orleans	11	3	.786	2
Dallas	10	4	.714	3
Memphis	6	9	.400	7½
Houston	4	10	.286	9
NORTHWEST DIVISION				
Utah	11	5	.688	—
Oklahoma City	10	5	.667	½
Denver	8	6	.571	2
Portland	8	6	.571	2
Minnesota	4	12	.250	7
PACIFIC DIVISION				
L.A. Lakers	13	2	.867	—
Golden State	7	8	.467	6
Phoenix	7	8	.467	6
Sacramento	4	9	.308	8
L.A. Clippers	2	13	.133	11

Last night's results
Atlanta 116, Washington 96
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers
Wednesday's results
New York 99 Charlotte 95
Cleveland 83 Milwaukee 81
Toronto 106 Philadelphia 90
Boston 89 New Jersey 83
Orlando 104 Miami 95
Memphis 105 Detroit 84
San Antonio 113 Minnesota 109 (OT)
Dallas 111 Oklahoma City 103
Houston 111 Golden State 101
Chicago 123 Phoenix 115 (2OT)
Utah 105 New Orleans 87
Tonight's games
Houston at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Denver, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Portland, 10 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	13	119	110	368	28.3
Nowitzki, DAL	14	134	91	369	26.4
Rose, CHI	13	134	57	342	26.3
Anthony, DEN	14	127	90	356	25.4
Bryant, LAL	15	128	103	379	25.3
Ellis, GOL	15	143	68	375	25.0
Gordon, LAC	13	102	90	307	23.6
James, MIA	15	117	105	354	23.6
Martin, HOU	14	90	119	329	23.5
Stoudemire, NYK	16	132	92	361	22.6
Westbrook, OKC	15	106	122	338	22.5
Scola, HOU	14	126	59	311	22.2
Gasol, LAL	15	130	71	331	22.1
Howard, ORL	14	108	91	307	21.9
Bargnani, TOR	15	120	67	328	21.9
Gay, MEM	15	127	49	324	21.6
Granger, IND	13	97	48	278	21.4

Not including last night's games

CFL

98TH GREY CUP

WEEK 22

Sunday's game
(All times Eastern)
At Edmonton
Montreal vs. Saskatchewan, 6:30 p.m

PLAYOFF SCORING LEADERS

(x — scored two-point convert)

	TD	C	FG	S	Pts
Prefontaine, Tor	0	1	6	0	19
McCallum, BC	0	2	5	1	18
Kean, Sask	0	4	4	1	17
Cates, Sask	2	0	0	0	12
Dressler, Sask	2	0	0	0	12
Duval, Mtl	0	6	2	0	12
Richardson, Mtl	2	0	0	0	12
DeAngelis, Ham	0	1	2	0	7
Maver, Cal	0	1	2	0	7
Arceneaux, BC	1	0	0	0	6
Black, BC	1	0	0	0	6
Brown, Mtl	1	0	0	0	6
Clermont, Sask	1	0	0	0	6
Cobourne, Mtl	1	0	0	0	6
Copeland, Tor	1	0	0	0	6
Franklin, Cal	1	0	0	0	6
Getzlaf, Sask	1	0	0	0	6
Koch, Sask	1	0	0	0	6
Lulay, BC	1	0	0	0	6
Maypray, Mtl	1	0	0	0	6
McPherson, Mtl	1	0	0	0	6
Porter, Ham	1	0	0	0	6
Watt, Tor	1	0	0	0	6
Dales, Cal	0	0	0	3	3
x-Fantuz, Sask	0	2	0	0	2
x-Simon, BC	0	2	0	0	2
x-Wright, Tor	0	2	0	0	2

GREY CUP WIN PERCENTAGES

THROUGH 2009

TEAM	APP.	WINS	PCT.
Toronto	22	15	.682
B.C.	9	5	.556
Edmonton	24	13	.542
x-Ottawa	13	7	.538
Calgary	12	6	.500
Baltimore	2	1	.500
Hamilton	18	8	.444
Winnipeg	22	9	.409
Montreal	17	6	.353
Saskatchewan	10	3	.300

x — Rough Riders (Renegades did not qualify).

GREY CUP CHAMPIONS

2010 — Montreal Alouettes vs. Saskatchewan Roughriders
2009 — Montreal Alouettes
2008 — Calgary Stampeders
2007 — Saskatchewan Roughriders
2006 — British Columbia Lions
2005 — Edmonton Eskimos
2004 — Toronto Argonauts
2003 — Edmonton Eskimos
2002 — Montreal Alouettes
2001 — Calgary Stampeders
2000 — British Columbia Lions
1999 — Hamilton Tiger-Cats
1998 — Calgary Stampeders
1997 — Toronto Argonauts
1996 — Toronto Argonauts
1995 — Baltimore Stallions
1994 — British Columbia Lions
1993 — Edmonton Eskimos
1992 — Calgary Stampeders
1991 — Toronto Argonauts
1990 — Winnipeg Blue Bombers
1989 — Saskatchewan Roughriders
1988 — Winnipeg Blue Bombers
1987 — Edmonton Eskimos
1986 — Hamilton Tiger-Cats
1985 — British Columbia Lions
1984 — Winnipeg Blue Bombers
1983 — Toronto Argonauts
1982 — Edmonton Eskimos
1981 — Edmonton Eskimos
1980 — Edmonton Eskimos
1979 — Edmonton Eskimos
1978 — Edmonton Eskimos
1977 — Montreal Alouettes
1976 — Ottawa Rough Riders
1975 — Edmonton Eskimos
1974 — Montreal Alouettes
1973 — Ottawa Rough Riders
1972 — Hamilton Tiger-Cats

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	2	0	.818	334	266
N.Y. Jets	9	2	0	.818	264	187
Miami	5	5	0	.500	172	208
Buffalo	2	8	0	.200	213	276
SOUTH						
ndianapolis	6	4	0	.600	268	216
Jacksonville	6	4	0	.600	220	270
Tennessee	5	5	0	.500	257	198
Houston	4	6	0	.400	244	287
NORTH						
Baltimore	7	3	0	.700	233	178
Pittsburgh	7	3	0	.700	235	165
Cleveland	3	7	0	.300	192	206
Cincinnati	2	9	0	.182	225	288
WEST						
Kansas City	6	4	0	.600	243	207
Oakland	5	5	0	.500	238	223
San Diego	5	5	0	.500	274	211
Denver	3	7	0	.300	217	287

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	7	3	0	.700	284	226
N.Y. Giants	6	4	0	.600	253	220
Washington	5	5	0	.500	202	245
Dallas	3	8	0	.273	256	301
SOUTH						
Atlanta	8	2	0	.800	256	192
New Orleans	8	3	0	.727	265	197
Tampa Bay	7	3	0	.700	209	206
Carolina	1	9	0	.100	117	252
NORTH						
Chicago	7	3	0	.700	191	146
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	252	146
Minnesota	3	7	0	.300	172	226
Detroit	2	9	0	.182	258	282
WEST						
Seattle	5	5	0	.500	185	233
St. Louis	4	6	0	.400	177	198
Arizona	3	7	0	.300	188	292
San Francisco	3	7	0	.300	160	219

WEEK 12

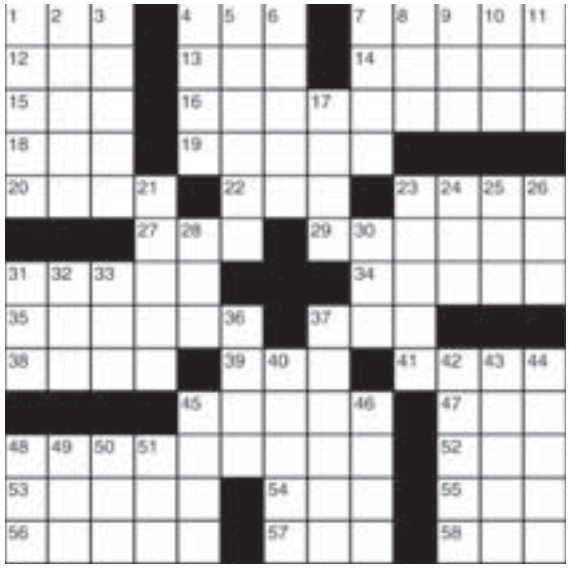
Yesterday's results
New England 45 Detroit 24
New Orleans 30 Dallas 27
N.Y. Jets 26 Cincinnati 10
Sunday's games
Green Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Miami at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 4:15 p.m.
San Diego at Indianapolis, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
San Francisco at Arizona, 8:30 p.m.

LEADING PASS RECEIVERS

RECEPTIONS	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
R. White, ATL	79	1017	12.9	46	7
Wayne, IND	71	865	12.2	42	4
T. Owens, CIN	62	897	14.5	78t	8
H. Nicks, NYG	62	800	12.9	46t	9
Colston, NOR	62	705	11.4	30	4
Amendola, STL	60	493	8.2	36	3
B. Marshall, MIA	58	693	11.9	46	1
S. Moss, WAS	57	738	12.9	56	3
Welker, NWE	57	502	8.8	27	4
And. Johnson, HOU	56	813	14.5	60	4
Ca. Johnson, DET	55	725	13.2	87t	10
Fitzgerald, ARI	55	691	12.6	33	5
B. Lloyd, DEN	54	1046	19.4	71	7
Ste. Johnson, BUF	52	728	14.0	45	9
Mi. Williams, SEA	52	654	12.6	68	1
Gaffney, DEN	51	606	11.9	40t	2
L. McCoy, PHL	51	381	7.5	31	1
Ochocinco, CIN	50	587	11.7	42	4
Collie, IND	50	562	11.2	73t	6
Witten, DAL	50	561	11.2	31	3

Not including yesterday's games

Crossword



Across

1 "The — Daba Honeymoon"
4 Corroded
7 Treaties
12 Trail the pack
13 Rage
14 Hilo hello
15 Sailor's assent
16 Cheating
18 Director Howard
19 007's ilk
20 No purebred pooch
22 Poetic contraction
23 MacDonald's place
27 Moreover
29 Wall Street newsmaker
31 Strong adhesive
34 Mob scenes
35 Moralist's concerns
37 Feline
38 Glaswegian gal
39 Listener
41 Fervor
45 Render obscure
47 Mainlander's souvenir
48 Fleet of cars kept in reserve
52 Annoy
53 Boredom
54 Lennon's lady
55 Dead heat
56 Reach
57 Recipe meas.
58 Still, in verse

Down

1 Frighten
2 Louisiana waterway
3 Representative
4 Helps
5 Camera stand
6 Ghostly
7 Picks up the check
8 Heidi's height
9 Bill's partner
10 Still, in verse
11 Bando of baseball
17 Clause in a contract
21 Urban carriers
23 Movie director Lang
24 Past
25 On Soc. Sec., maybe
26 "— Doubtfire"
28 Big Apple letters
30 Mound stat
31 Slithery one
32 Sch. group
33 Surprise cries
36 Leak slowly
37 Sings like Bing
40 Under way
42 The 400
43 Eagle's home
44 Make comparisons
45 Vivacity, musically
46 Thick semiliquid
48 "Little Women" woman
49 Inseparable
50 Stick with a kick
51 Chic no more

▶ Yesterday's answer

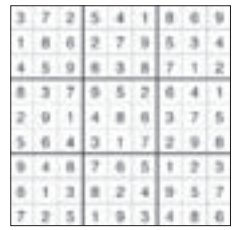
Sudoku

		9	2		6		7	
5		6	8	1		2		
	4						6	3
9			4		8		5	6
	6			2			9	
4	8		9		5			1
1	9						8	
		4		8	7	9		2
	3		6		2	5		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶



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Thanesha, it it wasn;t for you I would have no idea what true love really means. I am happy you are my wife, friend and lover. Love you always. **WARREN XOXOXO**

Happy Quarter Century Ron!! Can't wait to party tonight. Love you all the way to the moon and back. Haha. **LOVE, THE GINGER.**

Mark, Words cannot express how much I love you. You are my soul mate and I am looking forward to sharing our lives together. **M.**

Adam, I'm looking forward to solving the daily crossword with you. We'll keep it classy! **LOVE, EMMA <3**

"J-swizzle, I'm sorry I made you sign up for VGH. You know I'm not gonna have any fun without you. **LOVE YOU LONG TIME.**

A look at the weather

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Min -19°	Min -13°	Min -13°
Max -3°	Max -4°	Max -4°

Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist
"I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta". **WEEKDAYS 6AM**

BT BREAKFAST TELEVISION

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to play@metronews.ca

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Do you trust your ideas? You should do, because you are head and shoulders above everyone else in your ability to imagine the future.

♉ Taurus April 21-May Your star is very much on the rise at the moment and when Venus, your ruler, changes signs early next week you'll be flavor of the month with just about everyone.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Don't let anyone try to convince you that certain targets are beyond your abilities to reach. They know it isn't true, which is why they are trying to convince you it is.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Something you are told today will ring true even though you would prefer not to believe it.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 The Sun in your fellow Fire sign of Sagittarius promises that you will get what you want no matter how many people try to stand in your way. You're a Leo. You're a winner.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 A feud that has been dragging on for some time is beginning to wear you down, so why not end it?

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If your aims and ambitions are a bit vague now is the ideal time to sit down and decide what it is you want and how you intend to get it.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Today's aspect between the Sun and your ruler Pluto will boost your confidence in some small but significant way and before you know it you will be moving in a new direction, one that's really quite exciting – and profitable too.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You have complete and utter faith in your own abilities. The idea of failure will not enter your mind at any stage today. With that kind of self-belief you can move mountains. Moving other people though might be more of a challenge.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You're in one of your "leave me alone" moods today, and if friends and co-workers have any sense they will stay out of your way for a bit.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 No matter how good your latest idea may be you still have to get out there into the marketplace and sell it to the people who matter. Email ten contacts whose backing could make you a star. Do it right now.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You are now within touching distance of a goal you have been working towards for many months, but for some reason you are suddenly scared. Why? Fear of failure is one thing, but fear of success? Get over it – it's coming. ● **SALLY BROMPTON**

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